

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING WILLIAM (BILL)  
HOWARD AHMANSON

**HON. HOWARD P. "BUCK" McKEON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 5, 2004*

Mr. McKEON. Mr. Speaker, on October 9, 2004, the Los Angeles Police Reserve Foundation will recognize William (Bill) Howard Ahmanson for his untiring and committed efforts on behalf of his community, and the County of Los Angeles. He will be presented with the coveted "Twice A Citizen" Award for his extraordinary volunteer work, as well as his long record of dedicated support and service to the law enforcement community.

In 1986, Bill became a Los Angeles Police Reserve Officer. His experience includes the specialized CRASH (Community Relations Against Street Hoodlums) unit, Newton, Hollywood and Rampart Divisions. Currently he maintains a Specialist Reserve Status and is credited with being a member of the host committee for the 2004 International Association of the Chiefs of Police Convention that was held in Los Angeles. He is also the director of the Los Angeles Police Memorial Foundation that provides assistance to families of police officers who were killed in the line of duty. Recognizing that the rich history of the Los Angeles Police Department must be preserved for posterity, Bill is a director of the Los Angeles Police Historical Society (LAPHS). LAPHS was founded in 1989 to create a world-class museum that reflects the departments many contributions since its inception in 1869.

Horses are also an area of concern for Bill. As the vice president of the Los Angeles Police Equestrian Fund, he is able to direct the humane retirement of the department's horses and supervise acquisition of equipment for the officers and horses of the Los Angeles Police Mounted Unit.

Many of his civic responsibilities revolve around Los Angeles. Bill is a trustee of the Ahmanson Foundation whose philanthropy is directed toward organizations and institutions serving the greater Los Angeles community. He is also a trustee of the Los Angeles County Museum of Art. It was established to serve the public through the collection, conservation, exhibition and interpretation of significant works of art and to provide cultural experiences for a wide array of audiences.

He is a member of the Los Angeles County Workforce Investment Board (WIB). Nominated by Supervisor Yvonne Brathwaite Burke and appointed by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors. WIB implements the workforce Investment Act of 1998. This Board's mandate is to provide key policy decisions affecting the local workforce development system, and to identify and certify Work Source California Centers in Los Angeles County.

Bill is on the advisory board for the Stennis Family Foundation. The Stennis Family Foundation was founded by Erin and Michael Sten-

nis to heighten awareness within the minority community on the prevention and cure of colorectal cancer, the nation's second leading cancer killer. Bill is also associated with Christ The King Roman Catholic Church and the Wilshire/Los Angeles Chapter of Rotary International.

Bill and his wife, Karla, along with their three children, Chris, Katie and Kara are Los Angeles residents.

Because he exemplifies all that is right with our nation's grassroots volunteer efforts, I am pleased to have the opportunity to recognize William "Bill" Howard Ahmanson as a dedicated, compassionate and committed American.

### NORTH KOREAN HUMAN RIGHTS ACT OF 2004

SPEECH OF

**HON. FRANK R. WOLF**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, October 4, 2004*

Mr. WOLF. Madam Speaker, I strongly support H.R. 4011, the North Korean Human Rights Act of 2004, and urge all members to support this important legislation. The leadership of the North Korean government has proven to be volatile and unpredictable with a tight rein on a very closed, repressed society. The North Korean government is one of the worse abusers of human rights in the world. Freedom of religion does not exist and the government controls all information, expression, and access to media. Despite international aid efforts, it is estimated that 2 million North Koreans have died of starvation in the last 10 years. One out of every ten children is malnourished.

There are an estimated 200,000 political prisoners in camps. Prisoners are often used as slave labor and conditions in these camps are extremely harsh. Many prisoners die from disease, starvation, beatings, and torture.

In 2002 a former female political prisoner, who testified before Congress about the conditions in these camps described: kneeling Christians in a prison camp having molten steel poured over them by guards because they would not recant their faith; prisoners quarantined into small rooms because of illness and then being forced to lay on top of each other such that all of those underneath were suffocated and died; prisoners used as lab experiments; and numerous executions. The list of horrendous conditions goes on.

The North Korea Human Rights Act reaffirms that human rights in North Korea should remain a key concern in future dialogue and conditions direct aid to North Korea upon substantial improvements in transparency and accountability.

I call on every member of Congress to vote in favor of this important legislation. We must send a strong message to Kim Jong Il that the world will not sit by while his government systematically abuses its citizens.

POEM BY CALVIN DUNN OF  
LEXINGTON, MISSOURI

**HON. IKE SKELTON**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 5, 2004*

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, Calvin Dunn, of my hometown of Lexington, Missouri, wrote an excellent poem, entitled "Our Flag-911." Mr. Dunn wrote this poem on the day after the events of September 11, 2001. I wish to share Mr. Dunn's writing with the rest of the chamber:

"Our Flag-911"

"Old Glory" what a beautiful sight, as she rises in the morn and gets put away at night.

For over 200 years she has waved in the wind, battled the rain and the snow again and again

She had been tattered, torn, ripped and burned, but bounces back each time with a lesson learned.

She has been spit on, trampled and even wolvered in the dirt, yet she feels no pain and shows no hurt.

She is loved, adored, worshiped and praised and she will continue to fly for a million more days.

She is in foreign lands, across the sea, she's at the ball park waving "oh say can you see"

She's at the federal building flying high, she's at each veteran's final goodbye.

She flies at half mast where tragedy has been, but you can bet tomorrow, she'll fly high again.

So wherever you see her salute her and brag and remember those that died for that "rugged old flag."

### ANNIVERSARY OF THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS

**HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 5, 2004*

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor of the 44th Anniversary of the Republic of Cyprus. It was on October 1, 1960, that Cyprus became an independent republic after decades of British colonial rule.

I am very fortunate and privileged to represent Astoria, Queens—one of the largest and most vibrant communities of Greek and Cypriot Americans in this country. It is truly one of my greatest pleasures as a Member of Congress to participate in the life of this community, and the wonderful and vital Cypriot friends that I have come to know are one of its greatest rewards.

Since the last celebration of Cyprus Independence Day, Cyprus has experienced events of major historic importance. On May 1, Cyprus became a full-fledged member of the European Union along with nine other countries from Central and Eastern Europe.

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